

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

1. A wearable communication device, comprising:
  - a belt having an integrated radio; and
  - a buckling mechanism having mating portions on opposing ends of the belt, wherein the integrated radio is enabled upon the buckling of the mating portions.
2. The wearable communication device of claim 1, wherein the integrated radio is selected from the group of devices comprising a public safety radio, an iDEN transceiver, a dispatch radio, a trunked two-way radio, a Bluetooth transceiver, a GPS receiver, a satellite phone, a cellular phone, and a cordless phone.
3. The wearable communication device of claim 1, wherein the device further comprises an embedded antenna coupled to the integrated radio.
4. The wearable communication device of claim 1, wherein the device further comprises a remote speaker / microphone input jack.
5. The wearable communication device of claim 1, wherein the buckling mechanism further comprises at least one among a user interface control and a memory card slot.
6. The wearable communication device of claim 5, wherein the buckling mechanism comprises the memory card slot for receiving a compact flash card.
7. The wearable communication device of claim 5, wherein the user interface control comprises at least one among a volume control, a push-to-talk button, a speaker, and a microphone.

8. The wearable communication device of claim 5, wherein the device further comprises a plurality of removable modules comprising at least one among radio components and a battery.
9. The wearable communication device of claim 1, wherein the belt can be worn around a waist, wrist, or ankle or slung across the chest.
10. The wearable communication device of claim 1, wherein the integrated radio remains in at least one of an off mode and a battery saving mode when the buckling mechanism is unbuckled.
11. A mobile communication device embedded within a public safety officer's belt, comprising:
  - a transceiver integrated within the public safety officer's belt; and
  - a buckle coupled to a first end of the public safety officer's belt having at least a portion of circuitry therein to enable the transceiver upon the buckling of the buckle to a mating portion on a second end of the public safety officer's belt.
12. The mobile communication device of claim 11, wherein the transceiver is selected from the group of devices comprising a public safety radio, an iDEN transceiver, a dispatch radio, a trunked two-way radio, a Bluetooth transceiver, a cellular phone, a satellite phone, and a cordless phone.
13. The mobile communication device of claim 11, wherein the device further comprises an embedded antenna coupled to the transceiver.
14. The mobile communication device of claim 11, wherein the device further comprises a remote speaker / microphone input jack.

15. The mobile communication device of claim 11, wherein the buckle further comprises at least one among a user interface control and a memory card slot.

16. The mobile communication device of claim 15, wherein the buckle comprises the memory card slot for receiving a compact flash card.

17. The mobile communication device of claim 15, wherein the user interface control comprises at least one among a volume control, a push-to-talk button, a speaker, and a microphone.

18. The mobile communication device of claim 15, wherein the device further comprises a plurality of removable modules comprising at least one among radio components and a battery.

19. The mobile communication device of claim 11, wherein the belt can be worn around a waist, wrist, or ankle or slung across the chest.

20. The mobile communication device of claim 11, wherein the transceiver remains in at least one of an off mode and a battery saving mode when the buckle is unbuckled.